(d) if not, by when, it is going to be ratified by India; and

(e) to what extent it would be helpful for the agricultural labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Convention and Recommendation lays stress on preventive, protective and welfare measures to be taken for the health and safety of agricultural workers.

The decision to ratify the Convention will be taken only after extensive examination of the provisions of the convention and the implication of ratification of the Convention by means of cunsultation with the stakeholders, *i.e.*, the Central Organisations of Workers and Employers, Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments.

Pending Labour Cases

2672. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many labour cases are pending in different Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts, Central and State-wise;

(b) how many of these cases are continuing in the Courts for more than ten years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the delay in disposal of cases are due to unwarranted adjournments; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to expedite disposal of the labour cases?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (d) Information on the pendency of cases for State Labour Courts and State Labour Tribunals is not maintained. However, the position with regard to Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts is as under:

Total No. of cases pending (as on 31.3.2001--11080)
Total No. of cases pending for ten years and above (as on 31.3.2001) ---450.

The Ministry of Labour from time to time has brought to the notice of the Presiding Officers of the CGIT-cum-Labour Courts the need to reduce pendency of cases. In a recent review meeting held in May, 2001 in the Ministry of Labour, the Presiding Officers were once again requested about the need to reduce the pendency of cases and not to give repeated adjournments as such adjournments also result in delayed disposal of cases.

Review of Supervisory Mechanism of ILO

2673. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Labour Ministers Conference held in May, 2001 in